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An Update on Idaho's First Medical School

Why ICOM?



ICOM was announced on February 25, 2016 by former Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter.



ICOM was created in response to the acute and growing physician shortage in Idaho and the Mountain West region.

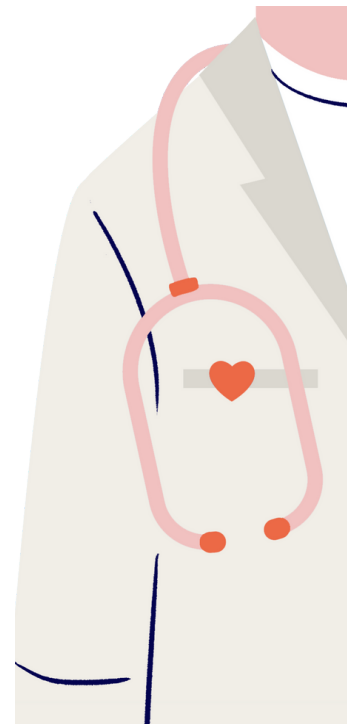


ICOM has an intended focus on primary care in rural Idaho and beyond.

Idaho Needs More Doctors

50th

ACTIVE PHYSICIANS
Per Capita*



47TH

RESIDENT PHYSICIANS
Per Capita*

45TH



PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS
Per Capita*

Source: AAMC 2021 Workforce Study

Idaho Needs More Doctors



Rural Idaho faces a chronic physician shortage (35 out of 44 counties)+



Delayed/unmet care results in sicker populations & higher long-term costs**



Poor access to primary care physicians results in delayed/unmet care**



Economic impact of one physician generates approximately \$1.9M+



30.4% of current physicians are over the age of 60*



Idaho's population is at 1.9M -- a 2.9% increase from 2020 to 2021

**AAMC 2021 Workforce Data Report*

*** American Journal of Public Health*

+ Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

It Takes Time to Grow the Physician Workforce



College Degree

(pre-medical training)



Medical School

(4 years total: 2 years pre-clinical & 2 years clinical)



Residency/Fellowship

(3-7 years, depending on the specialty)



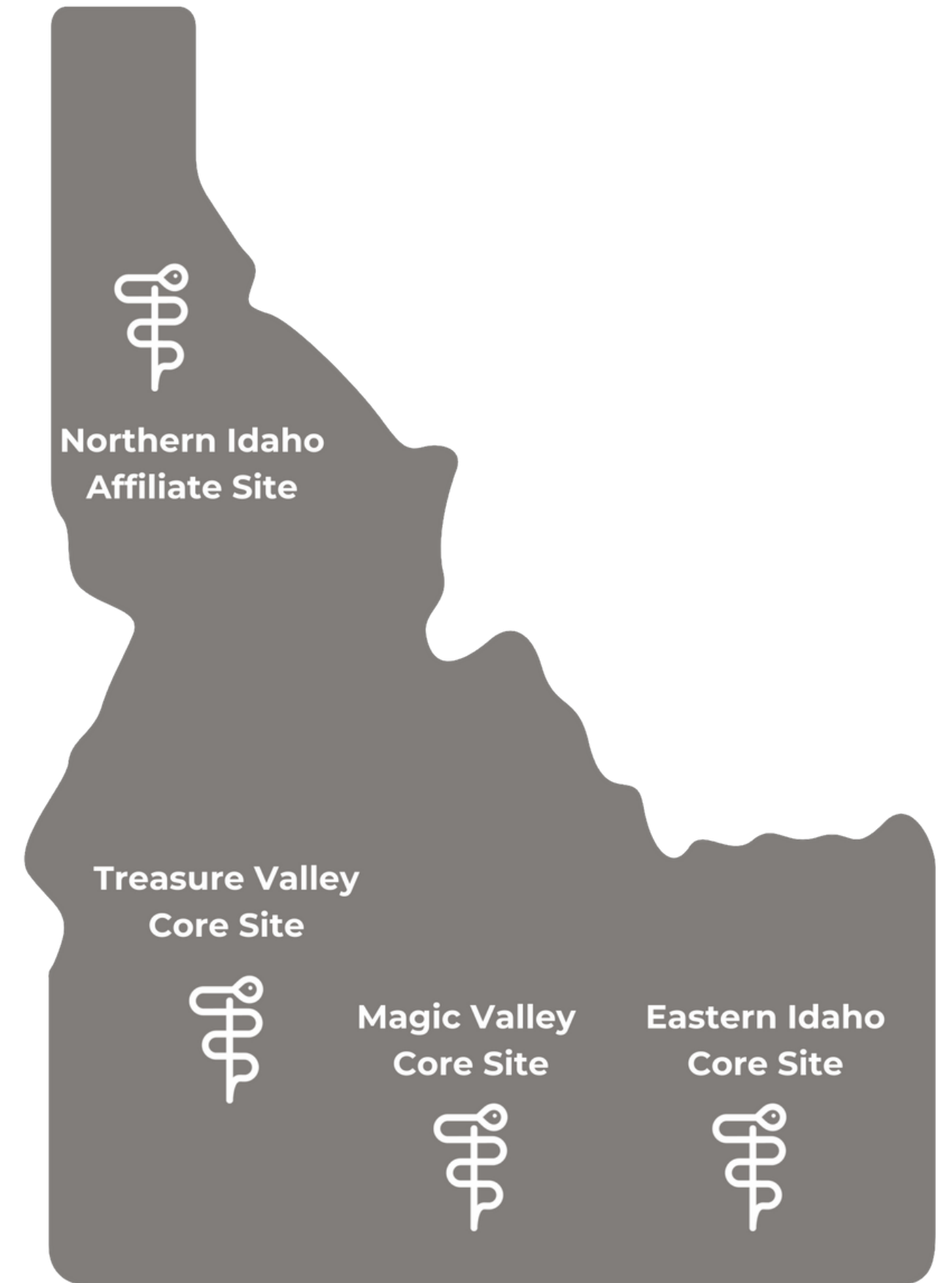
Clinical Sites in Idaho

Treasure Valley Core Site

Magic Valley Core Site

Eastern Idaho Core Site

Northern Idaho Affiliate Site



Clinical Placements

137 students completing rotations in Idaho.

65 students completing rotations in Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota.

50 students completing rotations outside of ICOM's 5-state region.



Graduate Medical Education (GME)

- Created ICOM Office of GME/CME
- Launched the Mountain States Institute for Graduate Medical Education
- Seek and provide funding for partner GME institutions





- A 501-c-3, non-profit foundation
 - Joint partnership between ICOM and Saint Alphonsus
 - MSI seeks to provide funding for partner GME institutions
 - The goal is to increase residency positions in Idaho
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After Graduation, on to Residency



100% of ICOM Graduates Placed into Residency

- Idaho is 47th in the nation for resident physicians per capita
- Only 8 of 145 graduates placed in Idaho
- Need to grow Residency positions in Idaho



ICOM & Idaho State University

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

ICOM located on ISU-Meridian Campus

ISU President Kevin Satterlee serves on ICOM Board

ISU VP of Health Sciences Rex Force serves on ICOM Board

Treasure Valley Anatomy & Physiology Lab (TVAPL)

Interprofessional Education

Research Collaboratives

DO/MHA/MPH/MSHI Degree Options

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine



Student Profile

NUMBER FROM IDAHO

106 (16.4%)
students are
from Idaho

NUMBER FROM REGION

158 (24.4%)
students are
from ICOM's
five-state region

RECRUITMENT OUTLOOK

- 3,870 Designations
- 2,434 Applications
- 341 Interviews
conducted, as of
1/13/2023

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

- Idaho State
- Boise State
- College of Idaho
- Lewis & Clark State
- Northwest
Nazarene
- BYU-Idaho

45 States Represented and MCAT 65.7 Percentile

ICOM's Class of 2023



Academic Performance

ICOM earned a 93.2% first-time pass rate on COMLEX Level 1 and a 95.2% first-time pass rate for COMLEX Level 2. Both scores are above the national average.

As of January 13, 2023, ICOM maintained a 95.1% student retention rate.



Residency Placement




ICOM's inaugural class of osteopathic medical students (145) participated in the GME residency match during the 2021-22 academic year.

Every member of ICOM's Class of 2022 was successfully placed in a residency program.

- 12 remain in ICOM's target region (8 in Idaho)
- 33 are in family medicine residencies
- 55% of the class are in a primary care specialty



How Do We Grow the Physician Workforce?

-  Significantly expand state funding for the development and support of new residency programs.
 -  Offer tuition support to Idahoans attending ICOM, on par with University of Washington's WWAMI Program. ICOM currently has 106 students from Idaho.
 -  Support The Idaho Primary Care Initiative (PCI).
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The Primary Care Initiative

More doctors for our communities.

- A 501-c-3, non-profit foundation
 - Joint partnership between ICOM and Blue Cross of Idaho
 - PCI offers scholarships for medical students and loan repayment for physicians
 - The goal is to attract primary care physicians to rural Idaho
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Thank you!

Questions?

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